Hard Rock applies for gaming license at Stateline

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The company that operates Las Vegas' Hard Rock Hotel & Casino this week earned initial approval from state gaming regulators to reopen a shuttered Lake Tahoe casino under the same brand.

Warner Gaming is transforming the former Horizon casino, which closed earlier this year, into a new Hard Rock property in Stateline. The state Gaming Control Board recommended Warner for approval to run the casino, a decision that will now head to the Gaming Commission for final consideration.

William Warner, the company's chief executive, told the gaming board at its meeting in Carson City that the \$60 million renovation should be completed in January.

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